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A MEMORIAL

Given in to the Senate of the City of Hamburgh *in* French, *exactly Tranſlated into* Engliſh; *Together with the Senate's Anſwer to the ſame.*

To their Magnificences the Burgo-Maſters, and to the Gentlemen-Counſellors of this City of *Hamburgh.*

WE, the Under-ſubſcribers, *Miniſters* of His Majeſty, The King of *Great-Britain*, have upon the Arrival of *Commiſſioners* from an *Indian-Company* in SCOTLAND, Repreſented at two ſeveral Times, to your Magnificences and Lordſhips from the King Our Maſter, that His Majeſty underſtanding that the ſaid Commiſſioners Endeavoured to open to Themſelves, a Commerce and Trade in theſe Parts, by making ſome Convention or Treaty with this City, had Commanded us moſt Expreſly to Notify to your Magnificences and Lordſhips, that if you enter into ſuch Conventions with privat Men His Subjects, who have neither Credential Letters, nor are any otherways Authorized by His Majeſty; That His Majeſty would Regard ſuch Proceedings as an Affront to His Royal Authority, and that He would not faill to Revenge Himſelf of it. Your Magnificences and Lordſhips had the Goodneſs to Anſwer us thereto by your Deputee, that you would no way enter into Commerce with the afore-mentioned *Commiſſioners*, nor Encourage them in any ſort. Notwithſtanding whereof, We the Subſcribers do ſee with Diſpleaſure, that without any regard to the Remonſtrances made by Us in the Name of His Majeſty; The Inhabitants of this City forbear not to make Conventions and Treaties with the ſaid *Commiſſioners*, who dare even Erect a *Publick-Office* to receive Subſcriptions as appears by the annexed Print. And it is not very Credible that *S*trangers could ſo openly

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openly Enterprize Matters of such Importance without being Supported by this Government: *Wherefore*, We make Our just Complaints thereof to Your Magnificences and Lordships; Beseeching you in the Name of the King Our Master to remedy in time that which is begun, and to do it so Effectually as to prevent any Consequences it may have, capable to disturb the Friendship and good Correspondence which We would Cultivate between *England* and the City of *Hamburgh*. We wait your Magnificences and Lordships Answer in Writing to be transmitted to his Majesty Our Master. And We are

Done at *Hamburgh* the 7th of *April* 1697.

Your Magnificences and Lordships most humble Servants,

The Knight RYCAUT Resident for His Majesty the King of *Great-Brittain* in the City of *Hamburgh*.

CRESSETT,
His *Britannick Majesties* Envoy Extraordinary at the Courts of *Lunenburgh*, and his Plenipotentiary at the Treaty of *Pinenberg*.

The Senate's Answer.

WE *look upon it as a very strange thing, That the King of* Brittain *should offer to hinder us who are a free People to Trade with whom we please; but are amazed to think that he would hinder us from Joyning with his own Subjects in* Scotland, *to whom he has lately given such large Priviledges, by so solemn an Act of Parliament.*

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